

### **REMARKS**

#### **Application Status**

Claims 6-16 and 27 are in the application. By this Amendment, Applicant amends claim 27 to include the features of claims 2-4, amends claims 6 and 11 to depend from claim 27 and cancels claims 2-5, to place this application in condition for allowance.

Because the subject matter of claims 2-4 was previously pending before the Examiner, the Amendments should be entered. These Amendments do not necessitate a new prior art search or further consideration.

#### **The Office Action**

Claims 2, 6-8, 11-16, and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,616,369 to Williams in view of U.S. Patent 4,700,080 to Fukaya.

Claims 3, 5, 9, and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Williams in view of Fukaya and further in view of U.S. Patent 4,395, 313 to Lindsay.

Claim 4 is objected to as being dependent on the rejected based claim, but would be allowable if written in an independent form.

#### **Claims 6-16 and 27 are Allowable**

**Claim 27** has been amended to include the features of now canceled claims 2-4. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that **claim 27 and dependent claims 6-16** are patentable over the cited prior art.

#### **Conclusion**

Withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of claims 6-16 and 27 are earnestly solicited.

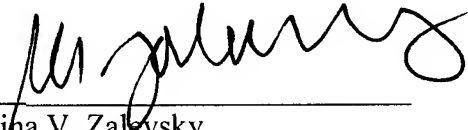
In the event that the Examiner believes that it may be helpful to advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number indicated below.

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